



# VOLCANO ERUPTION AND EARTHQUAKE DESTROY VILLAGES AND THOUSANDS BELIEVED KILLED

## PROVINCE IN JAPAN SHAKEN: HOT ASHES FALL UPON PEOPLE

Few Details Have Been Received from Stricken Districts—All Communications Cut Off.

## WARSHIPS RUSH TO ASSIST

Two Towns, With Population of 16,000, Believed to Have Been Destroyed and Most of Inhabitants Perished—Property Loss Will Amount to Millions of Dollars.

TOKIO, Jan. 13.—That as high as fifty or sixty thousand people may have perished in the volcano eruption still in progress in southern Japan was stated on official authority. This it was admitted, was a rough guess, as communications with the stricken district are cut off. Wireless messages were received from warships sent to aid the victims but they had not been able to approach close enough to secure accurate information.

TOKIO, Jan. 13.—Kagoshima has been totally destroyed by the eruption of the volcano Sakurajima, according to messages tonight from the warship sent to aid the people in the stricken district. The town has 65,000 population, most of them employed at the Satsuma pottery manufacturers. It is believed thousands have perished.

That at least 5000 perished on the island of Sakurajima is declared by fugitives reaching the neighboring island of Kishiu. Ten thousand of its inhabitants insisted on remaining on the island after 150 shocks had warned them of the danger. Of these it is estimated about half were killed. Reports are current that another volcano in central Japan has burst into activity.

TOKIO, Jan. 13.—Thousands of persons are believed to have been killed in a volcano eruption and series of violent earthquakes, shaking the south end of Kishiu island since Saturday.

More than 150 earth shocks have been felt. The volcano Sakurajima, on the island of Sakurajima, three miles off the city of Kagoshima, the capital of Satsuma province, didn't burst into activity until yesterday. Few details of the catastrophe have been learned here. The latest reports indicated, however, that the two towns, with a total population of 16,000, on Sakurajima island, have been annihilated by the volcano and that most of the inhabitants have been killed.

Kagoshima is being evacuated. The property loss will reach high into the millions.

Telegraphic communication has been severed, no reports having been received from the warships ordered to the scene to render aid.

Despite the distance from Sakurajima, enormous quantities of ashes and a hailstorm of red hot stones were falling upon Kagoshima at the time the final telegram was received from there. Between earthquake and eruption, it was added, the railroad was put out of commission and this greatly hampered the people in their flight. It was stated many houses had been destroyed and the town was burning in several places. Complete destruction of the town seemed certain.

## FIRST NIGHT SCHOOL IS OPENED HERE

Pendleton's first public night school opened its session last evening in the high school building with 25 pupils, mostly adult, in the commercial department and 16 in the domestic science department. Classes will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings and each session will last two hours.

Supt. Landers stated this morning that he would ask the board for an instructor in German and for an assistant in the commercial department inasmuch as the demands are so great that they seemed warranted. There are four subjects, short hand, bookkeeping, penmanship and typewriting, in the commercial department and with but one instructor for 25 students, any great amount of individual instruction is impossible now.

## WALLA WALLA IS BREEZY

### 54-Mile Gale Blows Roof Off College Building

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 13.—The wind reached a velocity of 54 miles an hour, blowing most of the roof off Reynolds' hall, at Whitman College, tearing down signs and doing other damage.

Some of the farmers say a little damage was done to wheat, through the ground being blown away from the roots.

## GREAT NORTHERN WANTS RIGHT OF WAY IN PARK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Senator Myers of Montana introduced a bill in the senate granting a right of way to the Great Northern railroad through Glacier National Park. The bill provides a right of way as it may be surveyed by the railroad to shorten its line and shall constitute the southern boundary of the park.

## KELLOGG URGES PEDIGREES BE KEPT OF PERSONS

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 13.—Dr. J. M. Kellogg of Battle Creek, urged keeping of records of human pedigrees before the race betterment conference. These pedigrees, he said, ought to be physical, mental and moral records. He also was in favor of human stock shows, with blue ribbons for perfect development in men and women.

"The way to stimulate right living," he continued, "is to establish an eugenic record and pedigree book where persons who were pronounced perfect could register themselves and their children. Ultimately we would have a line of people showing the results of the movement toward race betterment."

## MANITOBA LEGISLATURE DECLARES FREE WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Jan. 13.—The Manitoba legislature unanimously declared for free wheat after an all night session.

## BAPTISMS HELD IN RIVER

Seventy-One Apostolic Converts Enter Chill Waters With Song.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—Seventy-one converts to the Apostolic Faith, which has quarters at Burnside and Front streets, were baptized at the foot of Division street in the Willamette river. Mrs. Crawford, the leader in charge of the mission, conducted the services, assisted by Elder Robbins and others. All were completely immersed.

Tents had been pitched on the sand beach and were warmed by means of portable oil stoves, but the enthusiastic converts went down into the cold water with songs on their lips.

Besides the converts there was a large attendance of adherents of the faith present.

## Woman Captures Burglar

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 13.—Mrs. John P. Lynn, wife of a wealthy warehouse owner, captured a negro burglar, marched him to the police station at the point of a revolver, and then fainted.

Mrs. Lynn, with her daughter, were alone in their home when they heard someone trying to get in the house. Mrs. Lynn picked up a revolver, opened the door and faced the negro. Taken by surprise, he obeyed her command to hold up his hands and marched obediently to the police station.

## NO DECISION YET IN MARTIAL LAW CONTEST

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 13.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Though the attorneys in the famous case of the Copperfield salmonmen versus Governor West are still in court, the court has not yet ruled upon the points involved in dispute.

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## MASKED MEN DRIVE WOMAN FROM HOME

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 13.—Driven from her homestead, 12 miles from here, by a masked band of 16 men, Mrs. Margaret M. Ross, well known democratic politician, sent an appeal to Governor Ernest Lister for protection and announced that she and her family would return to her home as soon as she receives assurances from the authorities that she will not be molested. According to the account told by Mrs. Ross, the 16 men, all masked and armed, forced their way into the house, removed her and her two sons and after setting fire to the place, drove them 12 miles and ordered them not to return under penalty of death.

The trouble began some time ago, when Mrs. Ross right to the claim was denied. Her two sons were then accused of assaulting a neighbor for alleged slander of their mother, leaving him for dead on the road. They were tried and convicted on an assault charge, but succeeded in getting a new trial. A bitter feud in the neighborhood resulted.

Mrs. Ross was democratic candidate for state representative from Chehalis county in the fall of 1912, and stumped the state in the interest of the democratic ticket. Mrs. Ross gained prominence in the campaign by making addresses which, while ostensibly in aid of the democratic ticket, were bitter attacks on the personal habits and character of Theodore Roosevelt. The democratic state central committee withdrew its endorsement and her campaign speeches were cut short. The incident gave her a good deal of prominence in the state at that time.

## BRYAN IN DEFENSE OF THAT GRAPE JUICE

CHICAGO, Jan. 13.—Secretary of State Bryan, here replied tartly to Congressman Bartholdt's assertion that grape juice contains twice as much alcohol as beer.

"It's false on its face," he said. "Anybody who knows Congressman Bartholdt knows he would prefer grape juice to beer if grape juice contained the most alcohol."

"I do not know whether he uses liquor or not personally," amended the secretary, "but next to his interest in international peace seems to be his interest in compulsory drinking."

## WILSON IN GOOD HEALTH IS BACK IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—President Wilson arrived at 7:45 o'clock this morning. He seemed in excellent health. An automobile rushed him to the White House.

The president attacked the huge accumulation of mail and knotty problems for solution. The cabinet met and discussed with him a tentative draft of the special address he will make to congress next week.

The president had Mayor Mitchell of New York as his luncheon guest. He will rest during the afternoon to be in good condition for tonight's diplomatic reception. All remarked on his evident improvement in health since he left on his vacation. His cheeks glowed and his step was light and springy.

## Big Steel Plant Reopens

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 13.—The Riverside plant of the United States Steel corporation resumed operations in full after an idleness of four months. Approximately 5000 men are affected.

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## HIRING OF MCCOLLOCH HELD TO BE ILLEGAL

SALEM, Jan. 13.—The employment of State Senator Claude McCulloch by Corporation Commissioner Watson as legal assistant to the corporation department wasn't legal, and State Treasurer Kay acted properly in refusing to pay McCulloch's salary warrant, according to the supreme court decision. The court decided the attorney general and the district attorneys were the proper officers to give legal assistance to the state officers.

## ANTI-TRUST WORK READY TO LAUNCH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Congress settled down to work on its long regular session, after being in recess since the passage of the currency reform bill just before Christmas. The anti-trust legislation program loomed up as the big business of the winter, but with the prospect of waiting until next week for the president's message, both houses devoted themselves to other matters.

On the house side of the capital, return to work was celebrated by prompt passage of the first of the annual supply measures and the introduction of the usual opening batch of miscellaneous measures. The senate began debate on the Alaskan government railroad bill.

The anti-trust experts began a period of extraordinary activity which will continue until the anti-trust problem is written into law before the close of the session. Actual work on the anti-trust bills in the house judiciary committee and the senate will be delayed, pending President Wilson's address. A rough draft of the address will be brought to Washington by the president when he returns.

## SALEM POLICE ARREST 21 MEMBERS OF UNEMPLOYED

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—The police arrested 21 members of the unemployed army who came from Portland Sunday to appeal to Governor West for work, charging them with begging and eating in restaurants without money to pay for the food. They will be held a few days. Thirty-five of the band were given dinner by the city in the basement of the jail with the understanding they would leave town. After partaking the meal they left quietly for the south. For a time trouble of a serious nature threatened as the men surrounded the jail demanding they be fed.

BEAVERTON, Ore., Jan. 13.—The second army of the unemployed, about 100 strong, marching from Portland to Salem to apply to Governor West for work, passed the night in Grange hall, and resumed their journey today after being given a breakfast by the citizens.

## NEWS SUMMARY

General.

Volcano in Japan destroys villages and loss of life is estimated at 50,000.

Cold wave sweeps east. Storm rages along Atlantic coast and shipping is in danger.

A. R. Cooley will be given trial in Salem on charge of murder of Thomas Van Pelt and sensational disclosures are predicted.

Great Northern Railway seeks right of way through National Glacier park.

Manitoba legislature declares for free wheat.

President Wilson returns to Washington feeling in best of health.

Washington society is wondering what will be the drink and the dances at diplomatic reception tonight.

Strike in South Africa grows graver and more men quit work.

Salem Police arrest many of army of unemployed.

Local.

Brown elected chairman water board; city attorney holds meeting legal.

Discovery of broken rail saves No. 17 from possible disaster.

Night school commences with big attendance.

County treasurer to make tax collections; rolls ready by Feb. 1.

## COOLEY WILL BE TRIED AT SALEM

Startling Developments Expected in Case of Man Charged with Murder of Thomas Van Pelt.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 13.—Startling developments were promised today when the prosecutor's office announced that it is practically prepared to present a strong case at the coming trial of A. R. Cooley, accused of murdering Thomas Van Pelt near Chetco, Curry county, Oregon, on February 19, 1898.

At the time of Cooley's arrest in San Francisco a few weeks ago, the impression was given that Van Pelt's assassination was the result of a local feud, the victim having been previously accused, though never brought to trial, of complicity in the murder of Al Coolidge, said to be the representative of large fishing interests.

The fact was not brought out, however, that a powerful clique of rich politicians were said to have been dominating the Curry county district by a reign of terror, and that among their motives was the termination of independent fishing, that they might monopolize the industry themselves. Van Pelt was one of the independents, and it was to this that the supposed trouble between himself and Coolidge was attributed.

That Cooley was employed by these same interests to remove Van Pelt, not in revenge for Coolidge's death but because he was an obstacle in the way of the plans of those for whom Coolidge had acted, it is said will be charged at his trial. It is openly admitted that many of the best known and wealthiest men in this part of the state will be brought into the case as witnesses.

Cooley left Oregon shortly after Van Pelt was killed. He made his home in San Francisco and was working for a brewery there when arrested and returned here for trial. Although he had made no effort at concealment, detectives have been seeking for him ever since Van Pelt's death.

## LOCAL MAN SAVES TRAIN FROM SERIOUS ACCIDENT

But for the chance discovery of a broken rail a few minutes before No. 17 was due in this city, that passenger train might have met a serious accident this morning. G. E. Parker, owner of the taxicab service in this city, made the discovery and flagged the train before it reached the damaged piece of track.

The broken rail was right on the Court street crossing in the east end of the city and Mr. Parker discovered it as he was making a trip to the St. Anthony hospital a few minutes before No. 17 was due. The rail was broken a few feet from a joint and the end had been bent so that it stuck up in the air. Mr. Parker remained by it until the train arrived and stopped it by a signal.

By running very slowly the train was drawn over the damaged place and a delay of only a few minutes resulted. The rail has since been repaired. It is believed the rail was broken by a freight train which passed over it a short time before No. 17 arrived.

## MAN WOUNDED DURING A STRUGGLE WITH BURGLAR

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 13.—In a hand to hand struggle with two burglars early today, during which a stove was overturned, setting fire to his house, William Haskins was shot in the breast but not fatally injured. His assailants escaped. The house was not badly damaged.

## TIDAL WAVE AND QUAKE WRECK MANY BUILDINGS

CALLAO, Peru, Jan. 13.—The damage by the earthquake and tidal wave here early yesterday proved on investigation to be heavier than supposed. Not only were enormous quantities of goods destroyed by the water but between the quake and the water many buildings were shaken or undermined so badly that they will have to be practically rebuilt. The total loss will be several million dollars. It could not be learned that any lives were lost.

To Discuss Tariff Law.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 13.—The effect of the new tariff law on the sheep raising industry in Wyoming and the West will be one of the important topics discussed during the annual convention of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association which opened here today.

## RIKE GROWS HOURLY; MORE MEN WALK OUT

Situation in South Africa Continues Grave and Railroads are Practically Tied Up.

## MORE DYNAMITE IS FOUND

Authorities Accuse Strikers of Planting the Explosive—Government Issues Orders to Shoot Dynamiters on Sight—Cape Colony Railroads Joining in General Strike.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan. 13.—Every passing hour made the strike situation graver. In Cape Colony where none of the railroad men obeyed the first call to walk out, they at last are beginning to quit work. A message from Pretoria said all union workers had gone out. The printers are out at Johannesburg. Several dynamite caches were found there. The authorities accused the strikers of planting the explosives. The government has issued orders for shooting dynamiters on sight.

## SOCIETY WONDERS WHAT RECEPTION WILL BE LIKE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Society is wondering whether champagne punch or something non-alcoholic will be served at the reception to be given at the White House this evening to the diplomatic corps. It was wondered also whether the tango, about which Washington perhaps is crazier than the rest of the country, will be danced. The only information possible to get from the White House is that the reception will resemble the receptions given by the last administration.

## WILLARD ACQUITTED BY JURY IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—Boxing was given a legal approval in the superior court of Los Angeles county when a jury found Jess Willard, heavyweight pugilist, not guilty of prize fighting in the case that grew out of the fatal match between himself and Hull Young last August. The jury retired late yesterday.

## Loose Banking Charged

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Henry Melville, receiver for the Henry Siegel & Co. bank, told the committee on banks of the state senate that "when ever any of the proprietors felt the need of any loose change to the amount of a few thousand dollars he went to the bank and took what he wanted without giving any note or any security."

Mr. Siegel himself, the receiver said, borrowed \$754,191 without security except a written agreement pledging 34,000 shares of the common stock of the Siegel Stores Corporation against these loans.

## DR. BEST ATTEMPTS CONTEST OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF WATER BOARD MEETING

At the monthly meeting of the water commission yesterday afternoon, five per cent of the gross receipts from water sales during 1913 was diverted to the sinking fund and the announcement was made that there is now enough money in this fund to meet the \$35,000 bond issue at its maturity.

J. T. Brown was chosen as chairman of the commission, a position he occupied in 1912, and Marion Jack was elected secretary.

The feature of the meeting was the attempt of James A. Best, recalcitrant member, to lay grounds for contesting proceedings. He entered a written objection to the payment of the \$400 installment to Engineer Kelsey on the grounds that Kelsey had already been overpaid, but the commission ordered the bill paid. Thereupon, he appealed to City Attorney Charles Carter for legal support but the attorney's opinion upheld the majority members.

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## COLD WAVE IS HOLDING EAST IN ITS GRASP

Gale Sweeps Atlantic Coast and Danger to Shipping is Feared—Police Boat Rescues Tug Crew.

## DISASTERS MAY BE MANY

Municipal Lodging Houses in New York Are Jammed—Street Accidents Numerous and Hospitals Are Filled—Man is Blown From Elevated Platform.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The east is in the grip of the coldest wave in years. Temperatures are falling and a terrific gale is sweeping the coast, threatening heavy loss to shipping. The thermometer here is four above, but is growing colder throughout the state. It was fourteen below at Albany; ten below at Rochester, and twenty-two below at Toronto. Similar conditions prevailed in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England. The suffering of New York's poor is intense. Charitable organizations have been swamped with appeals for aid.

Municipal lodging houses are jammed. Street accidents have been numerous and the hospitals are filled. The ambulances had more work than they could handle. One man was blown from an elevated railroad platform and narrowly escaped with his life.

After being buffeted by waves for four hours on the upper bay, the tug Newport with six men aboard, was blown ashore. A police boat rescued the crew. The liner Lapland, owing to the perils of navigation in so fierce a storm, was held at quarantine. It is feared fuller reports will prove that disasters along the coast have been numerous, and perhaps attended with heavy loss of life.

## Steamship Ashore

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Jan. 13.—The royal mail steamship Cobecouid is ashore on Briar Island, according to a wireless message received this afternoon. The vessel carried a number of passengers and a valuable cargo. The steamer is reported to be in grave danger.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—A seventy-two mile gale is sweeping Boston. The temperature is four above, a thirty degree drop since yesterday. Heavy damage to shipping is feared.

MONTREAL, Jan. 13.—With the thermometer standing 30 below, the storeroom of the Montreal Oliver Grain company was completely destroyed by fire. The cold weather greatly hampered the firemen. The water freezing before it reached the building. The loss is estimated at fifty thousand dollars.

## WILLIAMS NOMINATED FOR CONTROLLER OF CURRENCY

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